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**CO-PENDING APPLICATIONS LETTER**

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Sir:

Under the provisions of MPEP § 2001.06(b), the Examiner is hereby advised of the following co-pending U.S. Applications and U.S. Patent:

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12/486,703	06/19/2009	1633	0020-5094PUS2

The subject matter contained in the above-listed co-pending U. S. application/patent may be deemed to relate to the present application, and thus may be material to the prosecution of this instant application.

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☒ Copies of the cited U.S. patent applications (specification, claims, and the drawings) are available on the USPTO's Image File Wrapper; therefore copies thereof are not attached.

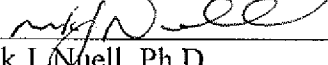
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